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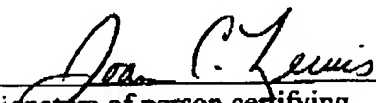
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AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of September 14, 2006, please amend the
above identified application as follows.